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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (Cancelled).

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A manicuring appliance comprising:  
a longitudinally extending elongated member defining a longitudinal direction having first and second ends;

a proximal member releasably coupled to said first end of said longitudinally extending elongated member, said proximal member having an arcuate lip portion at a first end thereof ~~for rocking engagement of a surface therealong~~, said proximal member including an arcuately formed upstanding wall member, a rear support structure, and an arcuately formed blade member disposed adjacent said lip portion, said lip portion projecting longitudinally beyond said upstanding wall member to define a guide surface for slidably engaging a curved cutting area;

said arcuately formed blade member being supported against received in a space defined between said arcuately formed upstanding wall member and said rear wall support;[[,]]

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said arcuately formed upstanding wall member and said arcuately formed blade member each extending transverse to said longitudinal direction of said longitudinally elongated member. said arcuately formed blade member extending transversely beyond said arcuately formed upstanding wall member to terminate at a side cutting edge, an arcuate cutting path being defined for said blade member responsive to the rocking engagement of a surface by said lip portion of said proximal member; and

a distal member releasably coupled to said second end of said longitudinally extending elongated member.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The appliance as recited in claim 2 wherein said arcuately formed blade member is removeably displaceable from said proximal member.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The appliance as recited in claim 2 wherein said arcuately formed blade member is secured in place with a retention cap.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The appliance as recited in claim 2 wherein said distal member includes a pusher for shaping a cuticle and preparing it for cutting.

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Claims 6-12. (Cancelled).

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The manicuring appliance as recited in Claim 2, wherein said elongated member includes a hollow cavity at said first and second ends thereof.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The manicuring appliance as recited in Claim 13 wherein said elongated member further includes a pair of apertures formed on each of said first and second ends thereof.

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) The manicuring appliance as recited in Claim 14, where said proximal member includes a pair of probes protruding from a second end thereof, each said probe respectively having a securing tab projecting therefrom, wherein, said pair of probes is received in said hollow cavity of said first end of said elongated member and each said securing tab being received in each respective one of said apertures of said first end of said elongated member when said proximal member is coupled to said elongated member.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) The manicuring appliance as recited in claim 14, where said distal member includes a pair of probes protruding from an end thereof, each said probe respectively having a securing tab projecting

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therefrom, wherein said pair of probes is received in said hollow cavity of said second end of said elongated member and each said securing tab being received in each respective one of said apertures of said second end of said elongated member when said distal member is coupled to said elongated member.